

Drought water delivery operations in 2019-20

Regulated Willandra Creek

25 July 2019

Due to the likelihood of worsening drought conditions in the Lachlan catchment water delivery operations in the regulated Willandra Creek will be modified for the year ahead.

The current flows in the Willandra Creek are for the Water Sharing Plan's stock and domestic replenishment downstream of Willandra Homestead. This flow started on 14 June 2019 and is well underway and expected to end when the flow delivered at the offtake is adequate to reach the Ivanhoe/Balranald Road. The flow at the Willandra Creek offtake is expected to be reduced to normal regulated flow from mid-August 2019.

The operations plan for 2019-20 is to continue to deliver any water orders in the regulated Willandra Creek and target a visible flow at the Homestead until the end of November 2019. Flows at the creek offtake from the Lachlan River will cease from 1 December 2019 to end of March 2020. The conditions will be reassessed at the end of March 2020 and a decision will be made in conjunction with the regulated Willandra Creek water users as to when to recommence the regulated flows in the creek. Any surplus flows from the tributaries during December to March may assist to maintain regulated flows in the Willandra Creek.

WaterNSW consults with the customer advisory group (CAG) and in the newly formed River Operations Stakeholder Consultation Committee (ROSCCo) to identify water savings measures. These saving will increase the security of water supply for the following year 2020/21. Andrew Stalley represents the interests of Willandra Creek on these committees and has been instrumental in the development of this much needed drought operations plan in discussion with the water users in the creek.

Information on water availability can be viewed at:

<https://www.watarnsw.com.au/supply/regional-nsw/availability>

ROSCCo related information at: <https://www.watarnsw.com.au/supply/regional-nsw/roscco>

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